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Barbara Rice
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RE: California Delta Trail Blueprint Report

Dear Ms Rice:

Yolo County is writing in support of the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) application to the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the Great California Delta Trail Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo Counties. The county is able to be a partner on this project by connecting the DPC with local representatives who can serve on the Stakeholder and Technical Advisory Committees, and help to acquire necessary information on the county to inform the process, such as relevant planning documents and GIS data.

In 2007, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson), requiring the DPC to develop and implement a plan for a continuous regional recreational corridor that would extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shorelines within the five Delta counties, and will link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. A Blueprint Report was identified as the first step in this process. The California Coastal Conservancy and Contra Costa County granted funding to the DPC for development of a Blueprint Report in Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Now the DPC is undertaking the Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo Counties, and is doing it in-house with limited staffing. Therefore in-kind assistance and partnerships are of tremendous value.

This project closely aligns with the purposes of the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. Again, Yolo County fully supports the application for the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and looks forward to working with the DPC and the NPS to continue progress on the Great California Delta Trail.

Sincerely,

Mindi Nunes
Director of Administrative Services

CC: Michael Machado, Delta Protection Commission
Alex Westhoff, Delta Protection Commission